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TO: Emergency management officials, news media, and other users.

Effective Wednesday, May 1, 2013, the Flood Stage Level on the Withlacoochee above Valdosta at Skipper Bridge Road will be raised to 15 feet. The Action Stage will also be raised to 13 feet.

This location is a flood only forecast point, which means forecasts and warnings are issued when the river level is expected to rise near or above flood stage.

The upgraded hydrologic services were a direct result of the analysis of several recent flood events from 2009 to present by the National Weather Service in Tallahassee as well as the Lowndes County Emergency Management Agency.

The data for this forecast point is provided by our partner, the United States Geological Survey. Without this critical data, forecasts and warnings would not be able to be provided at this location. You can learn more about this and other Georgia stream gages by visiting:

http://ga.water.usgs.gov

To get the latest information on this and other river forecast points, please visit our website at:

http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=tae

River forecast and guidance for this point and others in Georgia are provided by the Southeast River Forecast Center. You can visit their website at:

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/serfc

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